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- (b) whether any exemption of duty on these equipments has been granted; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The directorate General of Health Services has been issuing Customs Duty Exemption Certificates for import of equipment in terms Department of Revenue Notification No. 63/88-Cus dated 1.3.1988 and 64/88-Cus also dated 1.3.1988.

The notification No. 63/88-Cus dated 1.3.1988 has been rescinded and replaced by notification No. 11/97 dated 1.3.97. This notification covers Government hospitals/institutions and also importers who have been importing life saving drugs/medicines/equipments. The notification No. 64/88-Cus dated 1.3.1988 has been rescinded on 1.3.94. This notification covered import of medical equipment by various private hospitals/institutions.

Demand and Supply of Power

93. SHRI NITISH KUMAR : PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the demand and supply of power in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the name of region where generation of power is less than the local demand:

- (c) whether the Government have formulated a scheme to transmit the surplus power from such areas where the generation of power is higher then local demand to the power deficit areas; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The State-wise/Region-wise details of actual power supply position are given in the statement attached. It may be seen that all the regions of the country experienced overall energy shortage, the quantum of shortage being highest in the Southern Region.

- (c) and (d) The Eastern Region is having surplus capacity as compared to the connected load. In order to optimally utilise the existing capacity following allocation have been made for Central Sector stations in Eastern Region to the neighbouring regions.
 - (i) From all NTPC stations of Eastern Region. 150 MW each to AP (Southern Region) and M.P. (Western Region)
 - (ii) 100 MW to Northern Region.
 - (iii) 30 MW during evening peak hours from Kahalgaon STPS to Manipur (North Eastern Region)
 - (iv) 100 MW to Assam (North Eastern Region) from Farakka and Talcher STPS.

STATEMENT Demand and Supply of Power

(All figures in MU net)

Region/ State/ System	April '97-Oct '97			
	Requirement	Availability	Shortage	%
1	2	3	4	5
NORTHERN REGION				
Chandigarh	575	57 5	0	0.0
Delhi	9097	8940	157	1.7
Haryana	7866	7698	168	2.1

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1	2	3	4	5
Himachal Pradesh	1704	1704	0	0.0
Jammu & Kashmir	2794	2721	73	2.6
Punjab	14255	14147	108	0.8
Rajasthan	10830	10686	144	1.3
Uttar Pradesh	23807	20933	2874	12.1
NORTHERN REGION	70928	67404	3524	5.0
WESTERN REGION				
Gujarat	22475	21037	1438	6.4
Madhya Pradesh	17525	10011	1514	8.6
Maharashtra	35915	34394	1521	4.2
Goa	767	767	0	0.0
WESTERN REGION	76682	72209	4473	5.8
SOUTHERN REGION				
Andhra Pradesh	23880	20205	3675	15.4
Karnataka	15229	11714	3515	23.1
Kerala	6636	5036	1600	24.1
amilnadu	22365	19271	3094	· 13.8
OUTHERN REGION	68110	56226	11884	17.4
ASTERN REGION				
Bihar	5455	4207	1248	22.9
D.V.C.	5090	4830	260	5.1

Written Answers

1	2	3	4	5
Orissa	6425	6159	266	4.1
West Bengal	9585	9439	146	1.5
ASTERN REGION	26555	24635	1920	7.2
ORTH-EASTERN REGION				
runachal Pradesh	86.4	62.6	23.8	27.5
ssam	1720.8	1643.1	77.7	4.5
lanipur	298.1	230.5	67.6	22.7
leghalaya	227.4	229.9	- 2.5	- 1.1
lizoram	122.9	87.1	35.8	29.1
agaland	127.3	94.3	33.0	25.9
ripura	301.4	246.5	54.9	18.2
ORTH EASTERN REGION	2884.3	2594.0	290.3	10.1
LL INDIA	245159	223068	22091	9.0

Cyber Laws

 $94\ SHRI\ RANJIB\ BISWAL$: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have set up a special Inter-departmental Committee to examine the need for 'Cyber Laws';
- (b) if so, the role played by the Department of Electronics in the matter;
- (c) whether the Committee has submitted its report in this regard; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K.

ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Electronics has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Electronics for formulation of Cyber Laws to meet the needs of applications of Information Technology as a part of building up of National Information Infrastructure.

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Private Power Stations in Madhya Pradesh

- (a) the details of Private power producers who have been allowed to set up power stations in Madhya Pradesh till date;